

Categorical Exclusion Documentation Format When Using Categorical Exclusions Not Established by Statute

A. Background

BLM Office: Rock Springs Field Office Lease/Serial/Case File No.: WYW55746, WYW56480, WYW70326, WYW133162
Number: DOI-BLM-WY-D040-2016-0118-CX
Right-of-Way Applicant/Holder: Wexpro Development Company
Proposed Action Title/Type: Assignment of four (4) rights-of-way from QEP Energy Company to Wexpro Development Company
Location of Proposed Action: Multiple location in Sweetwater County
Description of Proposed Action: Assignment of four (4) rights-of-way from QEP Energy Company to Wexpro Development Company

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name (LUP): Land Use Plan Name (LUP): Green River Resource Management Plan and Record of Decision (GRRMP/ROD) as amended by the Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendments for the Rocky Mountain Region, Including the Greater Sage-Grouse Sub-Regions of Lewistown, North Dakota, Northwest Colorado, and Wyoming.

Date Approved/Amended: August 8, 1997, / September 21, 2015

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s): Page 9 of the GRRMP/ROD

“ The objectives for the management of the land and realty program are to: 1) manage the public lands to support the goals and objectives of other resource programs; 2) respond to public demand for land use authorizations; and 3) acquire administrative and public access where necessary.”

The proposed action is in conformance with the LUP, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following LUP decision(s) (objectives, terms, and conditions): N/A

C. Compliance with NEPA

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 11.9, E9

“Renewals and assignments of leases, permits, or rights-of-way where no additional rights are conveyed beyond those granted by the original authorizations”.

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2 apply.

D. Stipulations

Holder bound by the terms and conditions of the original right-of-way grant.

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